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Mission House May 21st 1838

Brother Fairly From Circumstances not under my Control I have delayed answering your letter till now, my wife has been sick & Bro. Mononue has been very sick, they however are better for which we thank the Lord, his lungs is so affected that it was with difficulty he could talk, however he gave me the out lines of his experience. viz. while you was Missionary here, he became convinced he was not right, & gave you his hand to join the Church, after which he went about holding prayer meetings exhorting & trying to do good, for some time perhaps one or two years the exact time he dose not remember, however at a certain time coming from holding meeting at the Big Springs he stopped at netty Wrights prayer with the family, got on to his horse, & rode on under deep Consern of mind, praying as he rode, all most in dispare, & all at once found his horse under full speed, he held up, & soon found as before his horse running, he then threw him self from the horse, & neeled down by the root of a tree, & there ^{remained} with the God in prayer, till he felt, (to use his own language) like a creature that had been killed with the trunk of its body full of blood, at length the skin changed, & he felt like the above creature would look, when the Butcher would take a Clean Cloth, & wipe it all Clean, he thanked God that he had wiped his hart Clean from all sin, & from that time to the present has been striving to do all he can to do & get good, he was very glad to hear from you, & with eyes he prays for you & expects to

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Meet you in heaven, he is willing to suffer, to live or die. the Lords will be done Amen.

Bro. Shaw returned to me about 100 in the Church
— This is now about 165 or 70 in Society, to the last
be all the glory. the greatest part of the members
appear to be stable minded. we have good meetings
our love feasts & Class meeting are warm & lively
our Schools are from 15 to 40 scholars.

I found the farm very much out of repair, very
little grain raised last year. we have received
Bro. Shaw's lease. & they are all gone from the mission.
we have rented the farm for 3 years to Bro. Leonard Smally
but have made our bargain so that the Teacher
& Boyes are occasionally to work on the farm.
mean time the girls will be improved in the
house. Sister Summaawat died happy very
happy.

O Bro. Finley, when I was appointed to this
mission how I felt, I can not describe. but
when I arrived here, I felt worse. the friends that
live here say that their never was a missionary
since you left, that come here under as
gloomy circumstances as what I did. but
I took shelter under the precious promises
of the God of Missions, preached & prayed on
till the Lord answered prayer, poured out his
spirit, & revived his work. & it is still
increasing, glory to his Holy name. for
ever. I pray for us, that it may continue till
the hole nation is converted to God Amen

At our 2^d L.M. mourners were invited the altar
was soon crowded, 30 or 40 deafe among the rest an old
lady some sixty or 70 years old, by the name of
Bull head, she had stouted it out through
all the reffermentation for years, holding fast to
the Paganism. but the Lord broke the snare & we
trust converted his soule. — She belonged to
the Devils strongest party, associated with Gen.
Washingtons party. & was very intemperate & wicked
Some time after his conversion old lady
Washington. concluded to visit his neighbour
Bull head, to see if this new Religion was good
for anything. & she found Mother Bull head
house cleared, his bed & bedding made, his
wearing clothes clean & neat, no whiskey
before. she was seized with consternation
she returned home, & sayd there was something
in the new Religion, sayd she must have
it, — on the hole there appears to be a waking up
through the nation. O. that God would once more travel
in the greatness of his strength & bring all these children
of the forest to a knowledge of the truth as it is
in Jesus. & let all the people say Amen.

I should
be glad if you could visit us this summer or fall
our 4th L.M. is to be held in a camp meeting
capacity, to commence 3^d of Aug. if you can not
come before please come then. your old Brotheren
as well as myself would rejoice to see you here at
that or any other time. My love to your family
as ever yours
S. M. Allen
Rev. J. B. Finley